

## CROSSFIELD NEWS

**CROSSFIELD.**—Sam Kelly had the misfortune to fall off a scaffold while doing some volunteer work at the new hall, and is now a patient in a Calgary hospital suffering from torn ligaments in his leg.

Andy Spence, 59, well known old timer of the Dog Pound district died there suddenly on Nov. 4. He was a veteran of the First Great War, and the Carstairs and Cremona branches of the Canadian Legion combined to give him burial with full military honors in the Carstairs cemetery on Sunday last.

The furnace for the new Community Memorial Hall has now been delivered and will be installed as soon as the crew can get to it. The doors and windows are now in and the lights are being installed, so that the hall will soon be ready to use, but not by any means finished.

The committee is now beginning to run out of funds and anyone thinking of making a donation should do so without further delay.

The committee in charge of the poppy sales reports one of the most successful tag days ever held here. The house-to-house canvass and the street sales conducted by the Trail Rangers and the Junior C.I.T., together with the wreaths purchased by the merchants brought the total to over \$110.00, and it is expected that more will be sold at the dance.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Nov. 2, a daughter.

Miss Ada Whittaker of Peace, Sask., has accepted the position at Edmunds Drug Store formerly held by Pat Bottomley.

Mr. Ivor Lewis left on Saturday, Nov. 5 for England where he intends to make his home for a few years.

Our Crossfielders returned home from Empress and reported a successful goose hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Smythe of Edmonton, Alta., were visiting friends and relatives around Crossfield last week.

The teaching staff entertained on Tuesday at a tea in honor of Miss Doreen McDonald who left Thursday night. A presentation of a silver casserole was given her on behalf of the teachers.

Mr. David Martin, who will take over grades 4 and 5 will arrive Monday.

Six Crossfield Eastern Star members attended a meeting in Bowden on Monday in honor of the worthy grand matron official visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ontkes of Drumheller were Sunday visitors at the home of the former's brother Dick and Mrs. Ontkes.

We notice Bill Hehr is back home again and able to get around. Bill has been in a Calgary hospital since he was badly burned when his combine caught fire during harvest.

**WASHINGTON**—U.S.A. Department of Agriculture predicts that the farmer may expect a 30 per cent drop in income next year and the housewife a slow decline in food prices.

**NEW YORK**—Ford Motor Company is sponsoring television broadcasts of the United Nations at work. The first program was November 7th.



### Germination Tests Needed

So far this Fall, Line Elevators Farm Service has tested over 1,200 samples of farmers' seed grain. It is clearly evident from the results obtained that, owing mainly to frost damage, a very serious seed germination condition exists this year in Western Canada, particularly in the northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Oats and barley are germinating very poorly this year.

**Germination Results.** Briefly they are as follows. A large proportion (10%) of the Saskatchewan and Alberta farm samples of wheat seed tested germinated below the 75% level. The situation in oats and barley is even more serious. For instance, in 18% of the oat samples from Saskatchewan farms, and in 50% of those from Alberta, the germination fell below 75%. In other words, one-half of the oat samples from Alberta did not germinate satisfactorily. Furthermore, in 20% of the barley samples from Saskatchewan, and in 36% of those from Alberta the germination was below the 75% level. Such results are a fair warning. They emphasize the urgent need of farmers having the grain they intend to use for seeding purposes in 1950 tested for germination.

**Testing Facilities.** Three courses of action are open to farmers. (1) For official government test for which a nominal charge is made. Send a representative 2-pound sample of your seed to the Dominion Plant Products Division, Winnipeg, Saskatoon or Calgary. (2) Make a germination test at home. On request, this Department will gladly send you a printed card giving full instructions. (3) Take a sample of about 5 lbs. of seed to any Line Elevator associated with this Department. The Agent will forward it to us and we will test it, free of charge.

We urge farmers to send in samples for testing as soon as possible. Play safe and have your seed tested for germination this year. Remember that the use of good, strong seed will be a most important bearing on whether or not your 1950 crop is a success or a failure.

## NATIONAL CLUB WEEK

Next Thursday night, November 10th, the ten Farm Young People who have been chosen provincial champions in the Alberta Junior Farm and Home Clubs will leave Edmonton for the national contests of Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs held during the Toronto Winter Fair.

These fortunate people are: George Brebner and Leslie Miller, of Spruce Grove Wheat Club; Ross Gould and Allan Wilson of Camrose Junior Beef Club, and Elvin Knudsen and Brian Westmancoat from Ryley Dairy Calf Club.

Arlene Nelson and Dorothy Olsen from Veteran Clothing Club; and Dolores Cutrath and Gwen Koefoed of Cluny Food Clubs.

Arriving in "Toronto" Sunday morning, the club party will be conducted on a two-hour tour of Toronto, during the afternoon. Sunday evening there will be a social period so that the club members from the different provinces will become better acquainted.

Monday they compete in the National Judging Competition to select the Dominion Champion teams in the clothing, food, dairy, beef and grain projects.

The week's activities include of Canada and Canadian farm life.

## A-HUNTING WE WILL GO!



—Central Press Canadian

If he has a far away look these days, don't worry, ladies, the master may be dreaming of a "dear" but it is probably the kind that looks better on the table than at it. These are the days when forest and stream call to Albertans in accents clear and loud. If the little woman has any doubts about your intentions, why not take her with you? That's what Fred Greely of Madison, Wis., did, shown above with his wife looking over a brace of pheasants he shot. He is one of the numerous American visitors attracted to Canada by this country's relatively plentiful game.

## Farewell Party Is Held

**CROSSFIELD.**—About 100 friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson on Tuesday night and honored them with a surprise farewell party. A pot luck supper consisting of turkey and chicken, with all the trimmings, was served. The guests were entertained by a mock wedding and a community sing-song. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were presented with a purse.

A pleasant surprise was given the Richardsons when their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Teskey of Rocky Mountain House, accompanied by her husband and family, arrived home for the party as well as to help celebrate her birthday. At the close of the evening cake and coffee was served.

## Your Daily Diet

Everyone's sense of well-being and his ability to work effectively depend to some extent on a nutritious diet. If we want to be healthy and strong, if we want to feel right, we must eat right. Eating right means eating a variety of foods which should include each day milk, fruit, vegetables, cereals and meat.

Visits to the Royal Winter Fair, educational tours, and trips to Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Ottawa.

One of the highlights of National Club Week will be the visit to Government House, Ottawa, where the club members will be received by Lord and Lady Alexander.

Not only are these young Albertans receiving the highest honor possible in Junior Farm and Home Club week, but they will come back with a broader vision of Canada and Canadian farm life.

## Former Principal Of Olds' School of Agriculture Visits Crossfield

**CROSSFIELD.**—Mr. James Murray, well known here while he was principal of the Olds School of Agriculture was a business visitor in town on Saturday last. Mr. Murray is now manager of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association and has appointed Harry May as their agent in Crossfield for Forage Crop seeds. The Provincial Department of Agriculture have discontinued their policy of distribution of forage crop seeds and this association is taking over.

In former years most of the seed supplied to the department has been supplied by them and they will continue with a warehouse at Red Deer where a supply of seed will be kept during the spring season. It is not too soon for farmers to be thinking of what they intend to sow next spring and orders for grass seed should be placed early.

**VIENNA**—Russia is speeding up production of oil in East Austria. When an Austrian peace treaty is signed the fields are scheduled to be returned to their British and American owners.

**WASHINGTON**—Federal Reserve Board reports a \$1,000,000 decline in U.S.A. stock of gold for the week ending October 28th. Gold stock now is \$24,584,000,000.

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It is not necessary for a good politician to be a liar, but many of them are.

## Two New Bylaws Given First Reading

**CROSSFIELD.**—At the regular monthly meeting of the village council held on Monday evening, two new bylaws were drafted and given first reading. These will limit speed of all motor vehicles to 25 m.p.h. within the village limits, create a School Zone with a speed limit of 15 m.p.h. for the two blocks immediately south of the school and also prohibit the parking of trucks with a capacity of over one ton on the main street of the village. Signs have been purchased and will be erected at various points to designate these zones.

The council expressed the opinion that there was a grave need for these speed limits and hoped that the driving public would observe them and help prevent accidents which could easily prove fatal.

Secretary Harry May was appointed enumerator and instructed to prepare the voters' lists.

Inspector Kennedy of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Inspector Lloyd of the Assessment Commission had both made their annual inspections since the last meeting and would be making their reports in the near future.

A petition containing some 17 names requested council to make some changes in the rules for the skating rinks. Council promised to add these to the rules for the coming season.

A notice from the General Hospital stated that Alice Jones was a patient in that institution and as an indigent person council would be expected to pay the bill on her discharge.

The secretary was instructed to carry out the provisions of the Town and Village Act with regard to the collection of the Poll Tax and to request employers to deduct it from wages if necessary.

**NEW YORK**—C.A.R.E. has announced it is extending its service of non-profit food parcels to the Soviet zone of Germany.

**WARSAW**—Poland has ordered C.A.R.E., a U.S.A. agency for foreign relief, to leave the country by December 1st.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

First and Third Sunday in Each Month  
Evening at 7:30 p.m.  
Second Sunday—Holy Communion at 11:15 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday—Morning prayer at 11:15 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday—Family Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
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Bible School at 12 noon.  
Junior Service each Friday at 7 p.m.  
Young People's each Friday at 8 p.m.  
Services each Sunday—  
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Mountain View Hall at 7:30 p.m.  
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Rev. C. W. Anderson, Minister.



## Norfolk Isle To Be Tourist Mecca

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Far out in the blue Pacific, a spot of England in a sub-tropical frame is facing an avalanche of modernity that promises to add another chapter to an unusual past.

Norfolk Island, which is now administered by Australia and sched-

uled soon to receive a face-lifting for tourist development, was originally settled as a British penal colony, notes the National Geographic Society. Later it became a refuge for descendants of the famed mutineers of the Bounty. Its older settlers still cling to inherited customs, clothes and recipes of old England.

To transform Norfolk from a lotus-eating paradise into a bustling resort, the Australian government is reported to be planning an initial investment of \$300,000. The island itself has basic advantages of mild, healthful climate, rich soil, and such scenic effects as sheer cliffs dropping into a churning sea, and tall pines etched against the sky.

### NO INCOME TAX

More than 700 people now live on Norfolk Island. A thousand miles northeast of Sydney, Australia, and about half that distance northwest of New Zealand, their small homeland of five miles by three provides a lavish larder.

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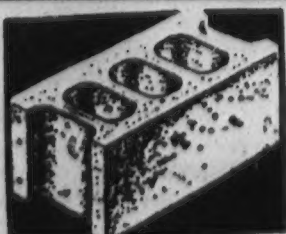
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## STRIKE VOTE CALLED IN C.G.E. PLANTS



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fruit, grow abundantly. No income tax disturbs Norfolk's sylvan meditations. No high cost of living or expensive amusements, beyond a weekly movie, require excessive labor. The chief responsibility is that men between 21 and 55 must contribute nine days' labor a year, or pay roughly \$10 tax.

It was the towering pines of once-inhabited Norfolk that first attracted England's interest after the island was discovered in 1774 by Captain Cook. It was thought the timber would be valuable in masts for British sailing ships, and that the flax growing wild in the valleys could serve for canvas. Knots in the pines, however, made this wood inferior and the flax was too low in quality and quantity.

### CONVICTS FED CONVICTS

So Norfolk became, because of its fertility, a British convict station which was used to produce grain to supply other Pacific penal colonies. In 1793 the island's yield was 12,000 bushels of wheat and 50 tons of potatoes. From the quarries came sombre grey stone for the prisons and barracks whose ruins are still grim reminders of Norfolks past.

In 1856, after the break-up of the penal establishments, a new life began. From Pitcairn, 3,750 miles to the east, the British government transferred about 190 settlers. Pitcairn Island was no longer productive enough to support the growing colony which had been founded years before by the survivors of the Bounty and their Tahitian wives.

The new site was a garden compared with wild, rugged Pitcairn, and Norfolk's buildings and extensive livestock were an extra bonus. But about 40 of the settlers eventually grew homesick and returned to their former island.

The rest remained on Norfolk, keeping British tradition alive in their Christmas pudding and Sunday church services, treasuring their fading horsehair furniture and wall-hung warming pans amid scenes of tropical South Sea color.

## Value of Seaweed As Food

Seaweed is being used more and more as both a food, and for animal fodder. Its value to mankind was stressed recently by a leading United Kingdom botanic expert, Professor Newton, speaking to an audience of scientists at the British Association conference. The direction which future work and research in developing this rich, natural source of vitamins should take, was discussed.

Professor Newton said that recent experiments have shown the common brown seaweeds to be particularly rich in vitamins. A large field of work awaited biochemists in extracting these, and presenting them in palatable, easily digested form, for human consumption.

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3. Count out two lots of exactly 100 seeds each, being sure to take the large and small kernels just as they come.
4. For germinating, the seeds may be placed between two pieces of blotting paper, which should be kept moist and covered with an inverted dinner plate.

5. For average farm conditions it may be preferable to sow seeds in a can, about 4 inches across.
6. Fill can to about one inch from the top with soil. Sandy soil is best if available.
7. Soil should be moist, but not too wet, especially if it is heavy clay.
8. Sprinkle seeds evenly on top using one can for each of the two lots of 100 seeds.
9. Cover with about one-half inch of loose moist soil.
10. Keep at ordinary room temperature, between 60 and 70 degrees, for about ten days, being sure that the cans are not too near a cold window or the stove.
11. If top soil becomes dry sprinkle lightly with water but do not soak.
12. Count the strong shoots at the end of 10 days.
13. The number of strong shoots from the 100 seeds sown will represent the approximate percentage germination.
14. Seed germination over 85 per cent is good; between 75 and 85, medium; 65 to 75 fair; and below 65 is unsatisfactory for seed.

### RHINITIS IN SWINE

Although rhinitis in swine is not nearly as prevalent in Alberta as it was four or five years ago, there are still sufficient cases to warrant care on the part of all swine producers. Dr. G. S. Wilton, Veterinary Pathologist, Alberta Department of Agriculture, advises that while most outbreaks occur on poorly kept farms, the disease has appeared on premises where the principles of sanitation were being practiced to the utmost of the owners ability. There is strong evidence that rhinitis is brought into many herds by the introduction of carrier pigs, usually as additions to the breeding stock. Research carried out by the Ontario Veterinary College has proved that swine rhinitis is transmissible. This usually occurs when the young pigs are nursing an infected sow or living on infected premises.

In view of this danger, the best means of preventing rhinitis from making its appearance in a healthy herd is to use the greatest care in purchasing feeders and breeding stock, says Dr. Wilton. It is wise to make certain that there is no evidence of the disease on the premises from which additions are made. Although all breeds of swine are susceptible to the disease, short nosed pigs are more likely to be affected due to the conformation of the nose and head.

Prior to placement of a new herd in a piggery, the pen should be disinfected with the aid of a lye solution. This should be followed with a spray containing a disinfectant—either one of the ordinary coal tar products, or one of the newer synthetic ammonium chlorides.

In herds where rhinitis is already present the affected swine should be fed on slop feed and marketed as soon as possible. A tablespoon of standardized fish oil per pig daily should be provided and the protein supplement of milk increased as compared with amounts required by healthy stock. Pigs from litters where rhinitis is present are potential carriers, no matter how healthy they may appear.

As the nursing pig is the most susceptible, the sows should be farrowed when possible in clean colony houses placed on new pasture. The pigs can then be returned to the disinfected piggery at 3 or 4 months of age for finishing or this can be done on pasture, weather permitting.

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### ACROSS

1. Tiny
2. A wrinkle
3. City
4. American
5. Sandarac
6. Tree
7. Pig pen
8. Small
9. Spinning object
10. River
11. (See A.M.)
12. Title of respect
13. Even
14. (poet.)
15. Exclamation
16. Sharpens, as a razor
17. Rough lava
18. Refuse
19. executive approval of a bill
20. Consumes
21. Run away
22. Boring tool
23. Prophets
24. Meadow
25. (poet.)
26. Imite
27. Basic note
28. Boring tool
29. Toward
30. Gilder's highest
31. Borne
32. Source of light
33. City
34. (E. Ca.)
35. Before
36. Lath
37. City (Ger.)
38. Biblical vrod
39. Adjucpes

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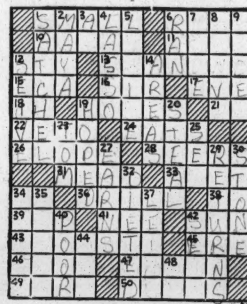
1. Small handbag
2. Central
3. Land-measure
4. Rope with knot
5. Ravenous
6. Flower
7. Impel
8. Helmet
9. Sphere of action
10. Sifting utensil
11. Rent

### 14 Regions

1. Wished
2. Rob
3. Male cat
4. God of earth (Egypt.)
5. Merits
6. Comes back
7. Piece of rock
8. Restricted, as food and drink
9. Smallest
10. Segment of a bird's wing
11. Rent



12. Culture medium
13. Appear
14. Shooncham
15. Indian
16. Selenium (sym.)



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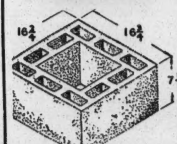
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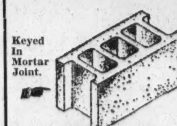
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## One-Plow Tractors Popular On Farm

In the last four years, there has been an increase in the number of one-plow tractors being used on farms. In 1947 about 900 were sold in Canada as compared with over 5,000 in 1948. This increase can be attributed to the low initial cost and the fact that many of the field operations can be performed by the one-plow tractor and its equipment.

Although the one-plow tractor costs approximately one-half as much as the two-plow tractor, and will normally accomplish at least half the amount of work, the new cost per draught horse power is usually 25 per cent greater for the one-plow tractor than for large tractors. It has been estimated that a one-plow tractor will plow an acre of land for about \$4 while the two-plow tractor will do an acre for about \$3.50. This higher cost for the one-plow tractor is partly due to the increased labor cost, since one man can do approximately half as much with a one-plow tractor as with the two-plow tractor. These costs are based on operations under average field conditions. The above figures indicate that the one-plow

tractor involves less investment but does not necessarily result in a reduced cost per acre when compared with the larger tractors, says Allan Magee, Field Husbandry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The complementary mounted implements available are usually well designed and cost less than similar equipment for larger tractors.

Many farms are using a one-plow tractor in place of two or three horses. This size of tractor will haul most two horse equipment under normal field conditions. In addition, the tractor will supply belt power for various operations.

Large farms that use two tractors or more, may find the one-plow tractor useful, as it will do many of the lighter jobs which are always numerous on a large farm.

When operating a one-plow tractor it should not be overloaded. For example, some operators endeavor to draw a 5-foot tandem disc harrow, and greatly overload the tractor which may be designed to pull a 5-foot single disc. This results in reduced efficiency and dissatisfaction.

These few observations leave little doubt as to why the one-

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY





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## Exporting A Birthright

In view of the fact that Premier Manning announced, following the special session of the legislature last summer, that he and his cabinet were not yet prepared to permit the export of natural gas, one cannot help wondering why all the feverish activity on the part of companies interested in pipelines, for transporting our gas out of the province.

During that session, Hugh John MacDonald, Liberal member from Calgary, analyzing figures contained in the Dinning Commission's Report on Alberta's natural gas reserves pointed out that, on the basis of that report, there were only sufficient reserves—in addition to those which might properly be earmarked for the use of Alberta consumers—to service the export market for eight years.

Since then it has been rumored that recent drilling operations have added another two trillion cubic feet to the commission's estimate of 4.26 trillion in Alberta's known reserves. These additions would service the export pipelines for another 20 years at present consumption estimates.

These astronomical figures can be misleading. In Texas the known reserves are estimated at 90 trillion cubic feet, and they are being depleted at a rapid rate. California has an estimated 10.2 trillion feet but apparently doesn't feel that they have any to spare to serve cities in the northwestern United States which are closer to them than to the Alberta supplies.

In Alberta, too, centres like Calgary are wondering where their future supplies are to come from. Turner Valley has been almost exhausted and it is expected that within the next five years, at present rates of withdrawal, it will be necessary for the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company, which serves Calgary, Lethbridge and other points in Southern Alberta, to look for new sources of supply.

We feel that the provincial government, before permitting export, should consider Alberta's requirements not only on the basis of present consumption, but should make every effort to see that as much industry as possible be invited and encouraged to come to Alberta to use our gas here. We have in mind not only that natural gas is important as a cheap fuel and power source, but is even more important and valuable as a chemical. This last item is particularly important when we remember that it is only within the last few years that chemists and physicists have begun to explore the possible uses of natural gas in the new synthetics industries.

It would be well if the provincial authorities would read carefully the story of Esau, who traded his birthright for a mess of pottage, before they make any further decisions in the important question.

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## Dear Editor

## "GOPHER STEW"

Before me is a letter dated Oct. 13th, 1949, from the Department of Agriculture, Athabasca, which brought to mind another era: "The Good Old Hungry Thirties."

Remember?

In those good old days, municipal councillors and government officials used gophers as a way of oppressing the poor, by suggesting that gophers make "good stew." A real source of economy to the government, no doubt.

But alas! how times have changed in 1949. Gophers are now a real excuse for the municipality and agriculture department to try and take over the operation and maintenance of a farm belonging to a "war veteran," causing a greater source of oppression.

In this agricultural letter gophers are mentioned as often as weeds and given the prominence of being spelt with a capital "G."

So beware ratepayers, of this vast northern district, when the "Hungry Fifties" creep in and the government has control of ALL the land and GOPHERS and their signs read:

"Government land, no trespassing." What then will we do for "Gopher Stew?"

A SUBSCRIBER,

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Peace For  
Remembrance

On November 11, 1918, World War I ended.

More than the fact two days would have to be set aside (VE and VJ days) to commemorate the end of World War II dictated preservation of November 11 as "Armistice Day." It had become firmly entrenched as a day of remembrance in Canada.

The sale of Canadian Legion poppies also serves as an annual call to pay tribute to the memory of the fallen but also reminds that the disabled living have not been forgotten.

It seems to us that another thought might be added to the significance of the day. It should be a day when we stop and think hard about the horrors and penalties of war and rededicate our determination to preserve the peace. This is not suggested in the sense that it become a plus wish, nor even a silent prayer, but that it be a day when we fully consider action which may be taken to prevent war.

As long as the individual is indifferent to peace or war there will be war. It is not simply a question of the people expressing their desire for peace. Winning the peace requires just as much strategy and aggressive action as any war campaign. Much of the attraction of war in the past has been that it is active while peace is a passive idea. "Armistice Day" implies that this is an interval between wars. Should we not, then, consider it as a "Peace Day?" A day when we consider action for peace.

In considering how we may preserve peace for the living we will truly keep faith with the dead.

What's Behind Resignation  
Of Combines Commissioner?

If the people of Canada could be told the whole truth they would probably regard the resignation of J. F. McGregor as combines investigation commissioner as the most alarming news to come out of Ottawa in years. It is quite possible it may have more effect on the pocket book of each of us than the average Canadian now thinks.

Ever since the Prices Spreads inquiry shocked the man on the street, Mr. McGregor has been the outpost of protection for the little man against malpractice of big business. He has patiently and courageously taken on the largest corporations, who naturally wield tremendous influence, and that he has finally lost patience is a sign that things must be in a bad way indeed.

Evidence has been difficult to collect; convictions hard to get. But what was most discouraging was legal delaying tactics. If Mr. McGregor got a conviction in a lower court, the case was appealed, to the Privy Council if necessary. From the corporation's viewpoint all it had to do was win once and that ended it. Even if a Privy Council decision went against the corporation the practice complained of, resulting in the original charge, had either changed location or nature sufficiently that a new body of evidence and a new trial were necessary.

Meanwhile, with the case still before the courts, infringements of the Combines Investigation Act could be carried on with impunity.

In a younger, more starry-eyed period of my life I earned the unrelenting enmity of a powerful group by trying to show up their chiselling tactics (brother, am I being polite?), and before I started Mr. McGregor said: "I wish you luck—but it is too big to break."

That was Mr. McGregor's constant problem: he was waging constant warfare against forces he knew were too big to break.

He, at least, had an Act behind him so that when he could point to infringements of that Act he was on solid ground before the court. As long as he did not go so far that he made his "friends at court" uneasy he could prevent

the worst features of price-fixing and practices in restraint of trade. The very fact the Act and a man who intended to administer it were there at all served to persuade a few, at least to pretend, to toe the line.

Let no one think the finger is being pointed at all business. The Act was designed to protect, and Mr. McGregor was operating to benefit, the average businessman even more than the consumer.

When Mr. McGregor says that price fixing is more rampant now than ever, it may be taken for granted that this is a polite name for far greater business abuses than appear on the surface.

No government wants another enquiry similar to the Price Spreads, which shook political life to its foundation in Ottawa. No government wants a full airing of the behind-the-scene pressures which are brought to bear on ALL governments.

Not everyone now agrees that price fixing and cartels are in themselves bad. This undoubtedly is not the point in Mr. McGregor's case. While I know nothing whatever about the particular reasons for his resignation, I do know Mr. McGregor as one of the most honest and courageous public servants Canada has had the fortune to employ, and that his resignation would not be a precipitate one because one decision went against him.

Until I learn more about the specific facts BEHIND his resignation, I'm going to be very suspicious. I'm going to be very suspicious that those who claim to pay the piper have let it be known they intend to call the tune.

Until, and unless, the whole story is told I'm going to be very hard to convince that I'm not paying high prices only for the privilege of "free" competition.

Those who talk most about free competition usually mean business free from competition, particularly, that their methods should be free from such watch dogs for the consumer and small businessman as J. F. McGregor.

## Scriptural Meditations

By AINSLEY BLAIR

"Our growth in grace, our joy, our usefulness,—all depend upon our union with Christ. It is by communion with Him, daily, hourly,—by abiding in Him,—that we are to grow in grace. He is not only the author but the finisher of our faith. It is Christ first and last and always. He is to be with us, not only at the beginning and the end of our course, but at every step of the way. David says, 'I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.' Ps. 16:8.—'Steps to Christ.'"

## SUN GLEAMS

In Saxonburg, Pa., a 102-year-old woman said she liked life so well she would like to do it all over again but next time she would own a tobacco store.

She has forgotten that likes change with age. At 12, she would like a candy store; at 22, would prefer a dress shop; after 32, she would wonder what was in store for her.

The Displaced Persons Commission, Washington, announced that a man in New York named Teddy Baer wanted to bring to U.S.A. his D.P. friend Jack Ashe.

Don't start playing around with those names TOO much

A new popular song is: "It Is Better To Conceal Than Reveal." It is barely possible it might become the theme song of Paris fashion designers.

Firemen had to be called when smoke from a burning roast filled the home of the Munice, Ind., "Star" food columnist.

What a roasting she'll take!

In Miami, Florida, two thugs not only kidnapped and robbed a newspaperman but also telephoned the story to his paper.

It is just as well they did. Otherwise, the City Editor would never have believed him.

While carrying his bride across the threshold, a Kampsville, Ill., bridegroom slipped and broke an ankle.

Try it? Diet!

A woman never claims she can fill another woman's shoes.—Howard W. Newton.

Nor her girdle, to boot.

Many a person has a hard boiled ego.—American Magazine.

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**Second Trial Brings Some New Evidence****Eighth Installment of "The Strangest Murder Case on Record"**

All eventual evidence was not produced at the first Paris trial, but the outline of both Crown and defence evidence was well-defined.

In subsequent trials they simply diverged more, each side succeeding seemingly in putting more details into the picture, one of Paris in St. John during the first three days of August, the other of Paris being in Truro on those dates.

**LIVED IN ST. JOHN**

Although Paris was brought up in Truro, he had lived in St. John for quite a while and so was quite well known in both places. For some time prior to the murder he was a resident of St. John but had visited Truro on more than one occasion.

Paris said he was playing cards the night of Aug. 1 in Truro and had supper in the I.O.O.F. hall. On Aug. 2 he saw Police Officer Fraser and a creamery official who were looking for stolen milk cans. He left that night for St. John.

Stanley Nichols, who said he knew Paris well, said he bought gasoline from Paris on Aug. 2. The entry book by which he placed the date did not contain Paris' name but he pointed out the entry had been changed from four to

five and he placed it as the Paris' purchase because there had been some doubt at the time whether he should get credit for four or five gallons.

**PLAYED CARDS ON MURDER DATE**

Stewart Fraser said he played cards with Paris on the night of both Aug. 1 and 2. Mr. and Mrs. John Bayard said they saw Paris in Truro on July 24 and on Aug. 1, 2 and 3, and Mrs. James Montis on Aug. 2 and 3.

Mrs. Margaret Mannchuk who lived three houses away from Paris in Carleton—a suburb of St. John—said she knew he went away on July 23 and did not return until Aug. 4.

Chesley Ford lived in the same house as Paris. Their doors faced each other. Paris was not around on Aug. 1, 2 or 3. If Paris had been home he would certainly have known. He saw Paris at the station in St. John on July 23. Ford had turned in the alarm for the Cushing fire—which he placed a day ahead of Crown witnesses—and said it was the day before he had seen Paris back in St. John. He denied that Paris was with him at the fire.

Mrs. Laura Johnson, who the Crown asserted lived with John Paris, accused of murder on Aug. 2, as well as Mrs. Drucilla Hodges, a neighbor of Paris, said he was not at home the first three days of August.

(The judge remarked of this evidence that one witness who had seen him in St. John was worth 100 who had not).

**IMPORTANT WITNESS**

One of the most important witnesses for the defence was John W. Fraser, Chief of Police of Truro. He had a search on the "Island" for a stolen can of cream, he said. He talked to Paris, whom he had known for 11 years, during the search.

The gasoline theft of which Paris had been convicted was stolen on July 31, said Chief Fraser, but he admitted Paris at the trial could not remember his movements on Aug. 1 and 2.

**JURY DISAGREES**

On Saturday, Oct. 1, after being out three hours and 35 minutes, the jury agreed, seven being for conviction and five for acquittal.

(To Be Continued)

**Deaths from TB**

Sixteen people in Canada die from tuberculosis each day of the year. Although this figure represents a tremendous decrease from a few years ago, it is still far too high for a disease which, if discovered early, can almost always be cured. Chest X-rays locate TB germs before outward symptoms become apparent. Have one as soon as you can. If you suspect you have TB, go to a doctor at once. Delay may endanger your own life and the lives of your family.

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**ALL DRESSED UP TO GO PLACES**

Goodwill delegate to the king of the Maoris in New Zealand, 12-year-old David Smith of Hagersville, Ont., is decked out in froggish headgear to make the trip. David, who is going to visit an uncle in New Zealand, was appointed delegate by the Mohawk tribe of Oshkosh and given a farewell ceremonial dance at the Burford clowning matches.

**Thirty Goats To Cross Atlantic**

With a two-unit goat milker and a herd of 30 British White and Nubian goats, Mrs. Stansby of Adderbury, near Banbury, England, is on her way to Victoria, B.C. Since her husband's death in 1946 Mrs. Stansby has been breeding high-class goats. Now she has left her 300-year-old home, taking with her her two daughters, her housekeeper, the goats, four dogs and her furniture.

The trip to Canada will cost over \$6,000—which figure, incidentally, is also the valuation of the herd of 30 goats. Her daughter Anne will accompany the goats in their compartment, even sleeping with them, throughout the 6,000-mile Atlantic and prairie trek to Victoria.

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### ARMY REUNION IN ST. CATHARINES



—Central Press Canadian

It's reunion time for the Lincoln and Welland infantry regiment of the Niagara peninsula. Ex-"Linx and Wink" men from Canada and the U.S. are staging a get-together to reminisce about the regiment's World War II campaign which took it through France, Holland and Germany. An example the "enterprise" of the regiment is this tank, a gift from a B.C. armored regiment, which was "mailed home" from Germany. Wartime Commanders Maj. M. McCutcheon, Col. James Swayze and Maj. J. Dandy gather about their unique souvenir and re-tell a battle or two.

### A Woodlot Can Be Profitable

The farm woodlot has proved over and over again to be a good investment, and wherever possible every farmer should have his own re-forestation or conservation plan.

Most farmers have an area of rough or strong land that would produce more revenue as a woodlot, if properly cared for, than as rough pasture. It is on record that one farmer who followed good woodlot practice, and who kept records of everything removed, found that the land in bush was producing sufficient revenue to pay the rent of the farm.

In the management of a woodlot, it is important to observe one or two things. Cattle should not be allowed to graze in the bush, because they destroy the young growth which protects the roots of the trees from drying out. When cutting wood for fuel, it is advisable to remove all dead trees, and in order to find them when snow has fallen in winter, it is a good plan to mark their location during the summer. It is also good practice to remove undesirable species of trees, such as ironwood, which do not produce trunks satisfactory for making into lumber. The same applies to crooked and mishaped trees which occupy space that could be utilized for growing straight trees of good lumber varieties.

### Open Empire Air College

In January the Royal Air Force will open a Flying College at Manby, Lincolnshire, which will be an amalgamation of the three existing R.A.F. Empire Schools — flying, air navigation and air armament. Commonwealth representation on instructing staff and for pupils taking the course will be retained.

### Grants to Schools Of Social Work

OTTAWA. — The federal government is continuing its aid to Canadian schools of social work with a grant of \$50,000 this year, the minister of national health and welfare, Hon. Paul Martin, stated here recently.

The money will be allotted on the basis of \$1,000 to each of the seven schools operating last year and the remainder on the basis of enrolments of full-time students in the 1948-49 academic year. The specific amounts are: Maritime School of Social Work, Halifax, \$2,400; Laval University, Quebec, \$5,280; University of Montreal, \$6,240; McGill University, \$6,940; University of Toronto, \$13,150; University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, \$3,890; University of British Columbia, Vancouver, \$12,100.

Because of the extra demands caused by the development of both public and private social welfare services, schools have not been able to meet the demand for trained social workers, Mr. Martin said. The federal government provided \$100,000 in 1946-47 to finance scholarships and to obtain additional teaching staff. A grant of \$50,000 was made in each of the following two years. Enrolments in all the schools have increased, he pointed out, but the continuing shortage of trained personnel has led the government to make a further allocation this year.

### Relics of a Vanished Race

British scientists may have solved one of the outstanding riddles of anthropology by establishing the true age of the Pilt-down skull. The prehistoric human relic was found in Britain 40 years ago and gave rise to much speculation throughout the world.

### Energy Foods

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It has a large brain pan of human character and had been estimated to be about half a million years old.

This theory was refuted recently by the head of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, Dr. Oakley. He was speaking to delegates at the conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Two thousand scientists gathered at Newcastle for these meetings, among them being many experts from overseas.

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